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## **Minority Business Development Agency Seeking Nominations for 2017 National MED Week Awards**

### **Agency Marks 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MED Week Celebration**

**WASHINGTON (March 14, 2017)** — The U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is seeking nominations for the 2017 National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Awards. This year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the annual awards designed to honor organizations, businesses and individuals that have demonstrated leadership and commitment in advancing the minority business community and our Nation's economy.

“This is an excellent opportunity to recognize the many champions within the minority business community on a national stage,” said Acting MBDA National Director Edith J. McCloud. “These awards are part of MBDA’s legacy and we’re extremely proud to host them each year. We encourage everyone to submit their nominations as soon as possible.”

There are three main award categories: Minority-Owned Firms, Champions of Minority Business Development, and Individual Recognition (a complete list of categories is available online at <https://medweek.mbda.gov>).

MBDA encourages nominations from chambers of commerce, business and trade associations, prime contractors, federal, state and local government agencies, and individual business owners (self-nominations are allowed). All nominations must be submitted online at <https://medweek.mbda.gov> no later than May 1, 2017.

The 2017 MED Week award winners are scheduled to be announced in July and the winners will receive their awards during National MED Week October 22-28, 2017, in Detroit.

For questions, please contact the MBDA National MED Week Program Coordinator Antavia Grimsley at 202-482-7458 or [agrimsley@mbda.gov](mailto:agrimsley@mbda.gov).

#### ***About the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)***

**MBDA, [www.mbda.gov](http://www.mbda.gov), is the only Federal agency dedicated to the growth and global competitiveness of U.S. minority-owned businesses. Our programs and services better equip minority-owned firms to create jobs, build scale and capacity, increase revenues and expand regionally, nationally and internationally. Services are provided through a network of MBDA Business Centers. After 47 years of service, MBDA continues to be a dedicated strategic partner to all U.S. minority-owned businesses,**

**committed to providing programs and services that build size, scale and capacity through access to capital, contracts and markets. Follow us on Twitter [@usmbda](#).**

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